

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the manufacturing industry is a dynamic segment of New Jersey's economy and an integral part of the state's quality of life and economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, advanced manufacturing is one of the seven priority industry clusters in the state; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing accounted for more than 254,000 New Jersey jobs and contributed over \$39 billion to New Jersey's Gross Domestic Product in 2010; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing offers the highest rate of return to the economy than any other sector - \$1.40 for each \$1 of manufactured product; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of a thriving manufacturing sector in fueling New Jersey's economic growth and building a promising future for our state; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that New Jersey's manufacturers are an important state asset and provide highly skilled, high paying jobs, which significantly contribute to New Jersey's standard of living and economic vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

## OCTOBER 22 THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2012 AS ManufactureNJ WEEK

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this second day of October in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

Lt. GOVERNOR

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